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The JAGUAR

THE JAGUAR IS CONSIDERED THE WORLD'S MOST ATTRACTIVE BACHELOR ...THEREFORE, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT SOME DARING FEMALE SHOULD TRY TO TIE THE MASTER OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM TO HER APRON STRINGS! WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A GEORGEOUS BEAUTY FROM OUTER SPACE DECIDES TO MAKE THE JAGUAR HER OWN IS THE TALE OF...

THE JAGUAR'S FUTURE WIFE!



ONE AFTERNOON IN THE CONGO JUNGLE, AS A MOVIE COMPANY FILMS AN EXCITING SCENE...



CREEPY WORLDS

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ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT, YOU RUN INTO A HERD OF GORILLAS, WHO SEIZE YOU BEFORE YOU CAN ESCAPE...



...THEN THEY CARRY YOU, KICKING AND SCREAMING, ACROSS A WOODEN BRIDGE INTO THE JUNGLE!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, UNKNOWN TO THE

JAGUAR...

THE JAGUAR IS AMAZING! WE COULDN'T MAKE THIS PICTURE WITHOUT HIM! HE TELEPATHICALLY TELLS EACH BEAST EXACTLY WHAT TO DO!



THERE HE IS, TOLA! IS THE JAGUAR NOT EXACTLY AS WE SAID-- HANDSOME AND CLEVER WITH FANTASTIC POWERS?

AYE! BUT WHAT ABOUT STRENGTH?



THE MAN I PICK FOR A HUSBAND MUST BE THE STRONGEST MAN ALIVE!



YOUR MAJESTY, WATCH WHAT THE JAGUAR DOES WHEN I BLAST THE BRIDGE SUPPORTS!



WHEN YOU SENT US SCOUTING
AROUND THE UNIVERSE TO FIND
A MATE WORTHY OF YOU, WE
SELECTED THE JAGUAR!
YOU'LL SOON SEE WHY!

YIII!! THE
BRIDGE!

CRACK!



DON'T BE
AFRAID, GLORIA!
I'LL SAVE YOU!



LOOK! THE
JAGUAR IS
FLYING THE
ENTIRE BRIDGE
TO SAFETY!
ISN'T HE
TERRIFIC?

INDEED!...
BUT WHAT MADE
IT COLLAPSE SO
SUDDENLY? WHEN
WE INSPECTED
THE SUPPORTS
THIS MORNING,
THEY WERE
FINE!

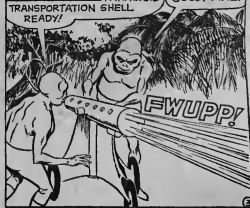
WELL, YOUR MAJESTY?
HAVE WE EXAGGERATED
THE JAGUAR'S POWERS?

NO! YOU'VE CHOSEN
THE ONLY MAN IN
THE WORLD FOR
ME! CAPTURE HIM—
THEN WE'LL RETURN
TO OUR PLANET!

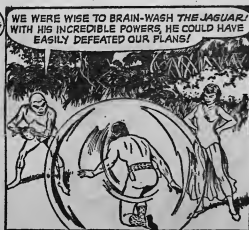
NEXT MOMENT...

PARALYSIS
TRANSPORTATION SHELL
READY!

GOOD! FIRE!



FWUPP!



AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT OF ALL B-BUT--
THE MEN IN THE UNIVERSE I
SELECTED YOU TO BECOME
MY KING? KISS ME...



SUDDENLY...

W-WHAT IS THAT? WHO
ROARS WITH THE VOICE
OF THUNDER?

GR-RR!



FOOLS! I'M NO ORDINARY
BEAST! NO WEAPON CAN
HARM ME!

THE L-LION TALKS!
IT HAS INTELLIGENCE!



GR-RR!

I-IT'S A MONSTER
LION! IT'S COMING
TO THE RESCUE OF
THE JAGUAR!
DESTROY IT!



YES--AND THE POWER TO CARRY OUT
MY IDEAS! RELEASE THE JAGUAR AND
GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME
FROM-- OR DIE!



YIII!

WELL, TOLA? DO YOU LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR A HUSBAND OR DO I DESTROY YOU?

NO! I'LL GO! JUST GIVE ME TIME TO REACH THE SPACE SHIP!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU SCOUTED EARTH'S JUNGLES BUT NEVER REPORTED FINDING AN INVULNERABLE MONSTER OF THIS SIZE!



IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE, TOLA! WE CAN'T DEFEAT IT! WE MUST LEAVE!

SOON...

THEY'VE LEFT! BUT WHO ARE YOU? HOW IS IT YOU CAN TALK?

JAGUAR, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SPHINX? WELL, WATCH AS I ASSUME MY HUMAN SHAPE!



IT'S LUCKY I KEPT AN EYE ON YOU OR YOU'D BE THAT SKAXIAN HUSSY'S CAPTIVE HUSBAND! YOU SEE, DEAR JAGUAR--I'M DETERMINED THAT ONLY I SHALL MARRY YOU!



CAT-GIRL! YES... CAT-GIRL!...THE MODEL FOR THE SPHINX WORSHIPPED BY ANCIENT EGYPTIANS! I'M ETERNAL AND INDESTRUCTIBLE... AND WITH MY POWERS, I CAN WATCH OVER YOU FROM ANYWHERE!



UNTIL THEN, **NOBODY** ELSE CAN HAVE YOU! WHEN THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY WEAR OFF, THINK KINDLY OF ME! FAREWELL FOR NOW... DEAR!

WOW! CAT GIRL LOVES ME! NOW I REALLY HAVE A PROBLEM ON MY HANDS!



The End

a VOICE *in the* DARK







BUT, INSTEAD OF AN ANSWER, FREDDY AGAIN HEARS...





AND SO, FREDDY SLOAN KEEPS AN APPOINTMENT WITH JUSTICE! TOO BAD, HOWEVER, THAT HE DIDN'T STAY IN THE WAX MUSEUM JUST A FEW MINUTES LONGER...



THE END

The JAGUAR

THROUGH A TRICK OF FATE, THE JAGUAR IS HURLED INTO THE MOST HOPELESS SITUATION OF HIS CAREER! FOR IN A WORLD HE THOUGHT WAS DEAD AND BURIED, HE MUST FACE TWELVE TASKS OF GREAT DIFFICULTY AND DANGER! SEE THE PERILS THE JAGUAR BRAVES WHEN HE BECOMES THE...

CHAMPION of the DOOMED!



ONE DAY, NEAR ATHENS, GREECE, AS
FAMED ZOOLOGIST RALPH HARDY
VISITS ANCIENT GREEK RUINS...

I WAS SMART TO GET UP AT DAWN TO TAKE PICTURES
OF THE ANIMALS THE OLD GREEKS SCULPTURED ONTO
THEIR TEMPLES! NO TOURISTS OR GUIDES AROUND! I
CAN PHOTOGRAPH SCENES LIKE THIS **BOAR HUNT!**



HMM... IN ANCIENT GREEK TIMES, LIONS
STILL TERRORIZED THE POPULATION!



MAN HAD TO BE SKILLFUL AT HUNTING
BECAUSE HIS LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!



IN THOSE DAYS, WILD ANIMALS
LIVED ALMOST ON MAN'S DOOR-
STEP! SO THEY WERE HUNTED
DOWN NOT MERELY FOR
SPORT...



... ANIMALS WERE SO NUMEROUS, IT
WAS EITHER KILL OR BE KILLED! A MAN
HAD TO BE A GOOD HUNTER OR HE
DIED YOUNG!



SUDDENLY... THE GROUND IS SHAKING!





IT'S AN EARTH TREMOR! THE
TEMPLE FLOOR IS CRACKING!

RRRR!

INSTANTLY, ON PRONOUNCING THE FATEFUL
NAME, A FANTASTIC CHANGE...

NOW I CAN
USE MY TERRIFIC BURROWING POWER,
TO REACH THE SURFACE!



'GULP!' IT'S
TOO LATE! I'VE
ENTERED ANOTHER
WORLD!

FOOL! YOU DARE TRY TO
DEFEAT ME, ANTEUS, THE
WORLD'S BIGGEST MAN?

YEOW!



MOMENTS
AFTER...

I'LL BE BURIED HERE ALIVE
UNLESS I ESCAPE IMMEDIATELY.
I'LL USE MY MAGIC BELT TO
BECOME...

THE JAGUAR!



BUT, IN THE JAGUAR'S JOY AT ESCAPING...

'GASP!' I'M MOVING TOO FAST! I'M
TRAVELING FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF
LIGHT! I'D BETTER SLOW DOWN!



NOW THAT THE BREATH HAS BEEN
KNOCKED OUT OF YOUR BODY...



OH!



SHORTLY...

ANTEUS IS SWIMMING FOR THE OPPOSITE SHORE! NOW I CAN EXAMINE THE WOUNDED MAN... HE'S REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS!



SOON...

T-THANKS FOR SAVING ME, STRANGER! *{GASP}* BUT HUGE ANTEUS HAS BROKEN MANY BONES IN MY BODY AND I'LL NOT RECOVER IN TIME TO ARRIVE AT THE PALACE OF THE TYRANT EURYSTHEUS!

WHO IS THAT?



A BRUTAL RULER WHO CAPTURED 1,000 ATHENIANS IN A RAID ON ATHENS! AS PROTECTOR OF THE ATHENIANS, EURYSTHEUS SENT ME A MESSAGE THAT HE WILL KILL THE CAPTIVES IF I DON'T ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE!



'TIS A DEATH CHALLENGE! UNLESS I PERFORM CERTAIN FEATS OF COURAGE, RISKING MY LIFE AGAINST HOPELESS ODDS, EURYSTHEUS WILL EXECUTE THE HOSTAGES! BUT NOW... I'M INJURED... AND... OHHHH...

HE'S PASSED OUT AGAIN! HMM...



I'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, WHICH I CAN DO ANY TIME BY SPEEDING BACK THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER! I MUST REPLACE THIS MAN AS CHAMPION OF THE ATHENIAN HOSTAGES!



HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT IF I LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR A WHILE! HMM... THAT COLLECTION OF BUILDINGS OUGHT TO CONTAIN EURYSTHEUS' PALACE!





YES! THERE ARE THE HOSTAGES!
AND THAT BLOATED, BEJWELED
ROGUE SITTING ON THE THRONE
MUST BE EURYSTHEUS!

LOOK, NOBLE
EURYSTHEUS! A MAN--
FLYING TOWARD US!

T-THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!
ONLY THE GODS FLY!



BEHOLD, EURYSTHEUS! I AM
THE CHAMPION OF THE ATHENIANS!
WHAT FEATS MUST I PERFORM
TO FREE THE HOSTAGES?

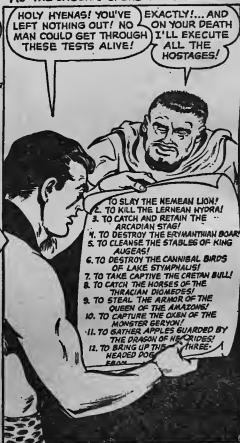
B-BUT YOU
FLY! NO
ORDINARY
MAN CAN FLY!



OH, THAT! ER, MY FRIEND,
HERMES, THE WINGED MESSENGER
OF THE GODS, GAVE ME THE
POWER TO FLY! DOES THAT
DISTURB YOU, EURYSTHEUS?

I FEAR
NOTHING!
BUT YOU
HAVE REASON
TO FEAR! READ
MY CHALLENGE!

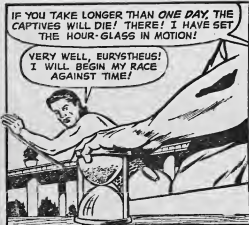
AS THE JAGUAR OPENS THE SCROLL...



HOLY HYENAS! YOU'VE
LEFT NOTHING OUT! NO
MAN COULD GET THROUGH
THESE TESTS ALIVE!

EXACTLY!... AND
ON YOUR DEATH
I'LL EXECUTE
ALL THE
HOSTAGES!

1. TO SLAY THE NEMEAN LION!
2. TO KILL THE LERNEAN HYDRA!
3. TO CATCH AND RETAIN THE
ARCADIAN STAG!
4. TO DESTROY THE ERYMANTHIAN BOAR!
5. TO CLEANSE THE STABLES OF KING
AUGIAS!
6. TO DESTROY THE CANNIBAL BIRDS
OF LAKE STYMPIALUS!
7. TO TAKE CAPTIVE THE CRETAN BULL!
8. TO CATCH THE HORSES OF THE
THRACIAN DIOMEDES!
9. TO STEAL THE ARMOR OF THE
QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS!
10. TO CAPTURE THE OXEN OF THE
MONSTER GERYON!
11. TO GATHER APPLES GUARDED BY
THE DRAGON OF HELICRIDES!
12. TO BRING UP THE THREE-
HEADED DOG
ERINOS



SHORTLY, IN THE VALLEY OF NEMEA...



MINUTES LATER...



NEXT MOMENT...



SOON, NEAR EURYTHESEUS' PALACE...



INSTANTLY, AS THE JAGUAR GETS AN IDEA...



NEXT MOMENT...



THAT AFTERNOON, TASK NUMBER THREE IS HANDLED JUST AS AMAZINGLY...



THEN, ON MOUNT
EURYSTHEUS...

STUPID BOAR THOUGHT I
WAS ANOTHER EASY VICTIM!
HE COULD SLASH TO RIBBONS!
HE'LL PAY FOR HIS VICIOUS-
NESS WITH HIS LIFE!

CRACK!



LATER, AS THE JAGUAR SEEKS OUT THE
CANNIBAL BIRDS OF LAKE STYMPHALIS...

THESE MONSTERS ARE THROWBACKS TO PRE-
HISTORIC PTERDAACTYLS! NOW THEY'LL PAY
FOR THEIR MAN-EATING WAYS! BY PURSUING
ME, THEY'RE BEING ENGULFED BY THE JET
BLASTS OF MY NUCLEON-JET ENERGY BELT!



AS THE JAGUAR STREAKS TO THE ISLAND
OF CRETE...

THERE'S THE CRETAN BULL WHICH
EURYSTHEUS WANTS ME TO CAPTURE!
HMM... A BULL WILL CHARGE ANY
RED OBJECT! I'LL PLAY MATADOR
WITH MY RED SHIRT!



AS THE JAGUAR PERFORMS HIS FIFTH TASK...

LOOK, KING AUGES! THE
MIGHTY STRANGER HAS
LIFTED UP YOUR STABLES,
WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN
CLEANED IN 30 YEARS,
AND IS SOAKING THEM
IN THE RIVER!

A GOOD RINSE
SHOULD MAKE
THESE MESSY
STABLES SPIC AND
SPAN AGAIN!



...THEN AS I SIDE-STEP THE BULL'S RUSH,
BULL-FIGHTER FASHION, I'LL KNOCK IT
UNCONSCIOUS WITH MY FIST!



SOON, AT EURYSTHESEUS' PALACE...



AYE! BUT HIS LUCK CAN'T CONTINUE! IT MUSTN'T!

OH, BUT IT WILL! THE REMAINING SIX TASKS WILL BE HANDLED LIKE A SNAP OF THE FINGER!

INDEED, LATER, ON THE ESTATE OF THE THRACIAN, DIOMEDES...



I'LL ISSUE TELEPATHIC COMMANDS TO DIOMEDES' STEEDS! SINCE THEY'RE NOT MADDENED BEASTS, THEY'LL OBEY ME!

THEN, THE TWO HORSES TAKE THE JAGUAR TO A REMOTE VALLEY...



NOW, TO STEAL THE ARMOR OF HIPPOLYTA, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS! I THINK A TRICK MAY WORK!

A MAN INVADERS OUR VALLEY!... DESTROY HIM!

SECONDS LATER...



WHAT WITCHCRAFT IS THIS? OUR SPEARS BREAK AGAINST HIS BODY!

HARKEN, QUEEN HIPPOLYTA! I MADE MY BODY INVULNERABLE WITH A SECRET OINTMENT! I'LL DO THE SAME WITH YOUR ARMOR! JUST GIVE IT TO ME!

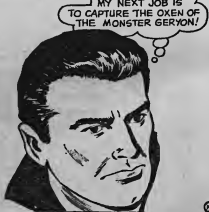
AS THE AMAZON QUEEN EAGERLY AGREES...



THE KNAVE FOOLED ME! HE'S RUNNING OFF WITH MY ARMOR! YOU SEE HOW WE CANNOT TRUST MEN?

HA! I PITY ANY GREEK WHO ENTERS AMAZON TERRITORY NOW! THESE WARRIOR-WOMEN WILL HATE MEN MORE THAN EVER!

AN HOUR LATER...



MY NEXT JOB IS TO CAPTURE THE OXEN OF THE MONSTER GERYON!



THAT NIGHT, AS THE JAGUAR HANDLES HIS ELEVENTH TASK...

GATHERING THE GOLDEN APPLES OF HESPERIDES IS EASY! I'LL JUST REMOVE THE ENTIRE ORCHARD... WHILE THE DRAGON GUARDING IT RAGES HELPLESSLY!



NEXT MOMENT...



OUTSIDE EURYSTHEUS' PALACE...

GASP! THE GOLDEN APPLES! THE ATHENIAN'S CHAMPION HAS COMPLETED ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE TASKS!



BELOW THE SURFACE...



PRESENTLY...

BLAST THIS HOUR GLASS!
YOU'VE COMPLETED THE
12 TASKS IN LESS THAN
24 HOURS!

LOOK OUT!
CERBERUS
HAS BROKEN
LOOSE!

DON'T PANIC!
I'LL STOP HIM!

BUT AS THE JAGUAR BULLETS
THROUGH THE AIR...

I'M PASSING
THROUGH THE BEAST! (GASP) I
KNOW WHAT IT IS! IN MY ANXIETY TO
REACH CERBERUS, I'VE USED TOO
MUCH SPEED AND
ENTERED THE TIME
BARRIER!

AN INSTANT
LATER...

NOW I'M BACK IN THE PRESENT
AND I'LL NEVER KNOW IF
EURYSTHEUS FREED THE CAPTIVES!
IN FACT HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW
MY NAME!

T-THAT FRESCO LINING THE TEMPLE WALL...
IT PORTRAYS SOME HERO WHO RESEMBLES
ME PERFORMING A SERIES OF HEROIC FEATS!

(GASP) THIS IS FANTASTIC! THE GREEK
INSCRIPTION SAYS THE HERO IS HERCULES...
CHAMPION OF THE ATHENIANS... WHO ACCOM-
PLISHED THE 12 IMPOSSIBLE TASK GIVEN TO
HIM BY THE TYRANT EURYSTHEUS!

THAT INJURED MAN I RESCUED FROM THE
GIANT, ANTEUS... MUST HAVE BEEN HERCULES,
AND HISTORY HAS GIVEN HIM CREDIT FOR THE
FEATS I PERFORMED! HOW IRONIC! I
ACCIDENTALLY JOURNEYED INTO THE PAST...
AND BECAUSE I DIDN'T MENTION MY
NAME AND WAS NEVER
SEEN AGAIN...
HERCULES GOT THE
CREDIT FOR MY WORK!
OH, WELL... AT LEAST
I KNOW WHO PER-
FORMED THE 12
LABORS OF
HERCULES!

THE
END

HIS NAME WAS ...
MERLIN!



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HE CALLED HIMSELF THE GREAT NERO, BUT THE AUDIENCE CALLED HIM A FLOP! POOR JOE COOKE WAS PROBABLY THE WORLD'S MOST UNSUCCESSFUL MAGICIAN!

AND NOW FOR MY FINAL TRICK...

AT LAST!

THOUGHT HE'D NEVER BE THRU!

WHAT A BORE!

BOO!!

THE GREAT NERO

NOT ONLY WAS JOE COOKE A FAILURE AS AN ENTERTAINER, BUT ALSO AS A MAN-- FOR HE WAS AS CROOKED AS THEY COME!

HE--HE SKIPPED OUT WITHOUT PAYING ME MY SALARY!

THE NO-GOOD BUM!

WHY BOTHER TO PAY HER? I'LL GET ANOTHER ASSISTANT IN THE NEXT HICK TOWN!

EVEN HIS FELLOW MAGICIANS HAD NO USE FOR HIM!

NOT ONLY DO YOU COPY MY TRICKS, BUT YOU PERFORM THEM SO BADLY THAT YOU RUIN THEM FOR ME!

GET LOST, CREEP! YOU'RE BREATHING ON ME!

"THE GREAT NERO"!!
BAH! GUYS LIKE HIM KILLED VAUDEVILLE!

WHY DON'T THOSE HAYSEEDS IN THE AUDIENCE APPLAUD? AWW, THE HECK WITH 'EM!

AND THEN, JOE COOKE GOT A NEW IDEA!

MAYBE MY NAME, THE GREAT NERO, WAS WRONG!

FROM NOW ON, I'LL CALL MYSELF MERLIN!

--AND BEHIND THIS BEARD I CAN HIDE FROM THE SAPS I OWE MONEY TO!

MERLIN
the MYSTIC

DESCENDANT OF THE GREAT MERLIN!

BUT, IT TAKES MORE THAN A CHANGE OF NAME TO MAKE A GOOD MAGICIAN OUT OF A BAD ONE!

YOU'RE WASTIN' YOUR TIME, MISTER! EVEN MY KID CAN DO THAT OLD TRICK!

FINALLY, ONE NIGHT, AFTER HIS USUAL UNSUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE, **FATE** STEPPED IN, IN THE PERSON OF A SEEDY LITTLE HOBO...



I'M NOT LOOKIN' FOR A HAND-OUT! I USED TO BE A MAGICIAN, TOO--WHEN I WAS YOUNG!

I CAN TEACH YOU SOME **GOOD** TRICKS... AND IF YOU LIKE THEM, YOU CAN PAY ME WHAT THEY'RE WORTH!



SURPRISINGLY, THE OLD MAN'S TRICKS WERE **GOOD!** BEFORE LONG, MERLIN WAS HEADING FOR THE BIG TIME!



HIS TRICKS, FEATS, AND ILLUSIONS BECAME THE TALK OF SHOW BUSINESS!



THERE SEEMED TO BE **NO** FEAT OF MAGIC WHICH HE COULD NOT PERFORM WITH EASE!



LISTEN TO THEM
CHEER! I'M THE
BIGGEST THING
SINCE HOUDINI!

I TOLD YOU MY TRICKS
WERE GOOD!

AND NOW--
IT IS TIME
TO PAY ME!



FIRST, TEACH ME
ONE MORE TRICK!
SOMETHING TO
USE FOR MY
FINAL EXIT!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL
GIVE YOU THE
SECRET OF MY
GREATEST EFFECT--
HOW TO COMPLETELY
VANISH!



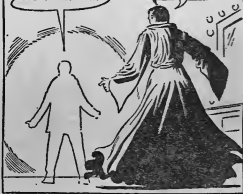
IF IT'S AS GOOD
AS THE OTHER
TRICKS, I'LL BE
MADE! HURRY,
SHOW ME HOW
IT'S DONE...

LISTEN
CAREFULLY...



THERE! I'VE TAUGHT
YOU THE SECRET!
NOW TRY IT...

IT WORKS!
IT WORKS!



AND NOW...
I'LL TAKE MY
MONEY!

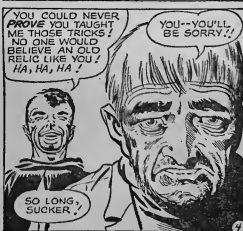
OH YEAH? LISTEN,
BUM, GETTING ME TO
PAY YOU WOULD BE
THE BEST TRICK YOU
EVER PULLED! NOW
SCRAM... I DON'T NEED
YOU ANY MORE!



YOU COULD NEVER
PROVE YOU TAUGHT
ME THOSE TRICKS!
NO ONE WOULD
BELIEVE AN OLD
RELIC LIKE YOU!
HA, HA, HA!

YOU--YOU'LL
BE SORRY!!

SO LONG,
SUCKER!



THE NEXT DAY WAS JOE COOKE'S SUPREME MOMENT!

AND NOW, THE GREATEST TRICK OF ALL TIME --

BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES, THE GREAT MERLIN SHALL --

--VANISH!!

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!

IMPOSSIBLE!

GREAT! GREAT!

BUT AFTER THE CHEERS DIED DOWN, NOTHING MORE HAPPENED...

WHEN IS HE GOING TO RE-APPEAR?

SECONDS TURNED TO MINUTES... LONG, RESTLESS MINUTES...

WHERE IS HE? THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

UNTIL...

WELL, I'M NOT GONNA SIT HERE ALL NIGHT!

ME NEITHER!

FINALLY, ALL WERE GONE--SAVE ONE!

ONE STRANGE, BROODING FIGURE!

THE FOOL! HE THOUGHT HE COULD DEFY ME!

ME!! THE ONE WHO CAME FROM THE DIM PAST TO ASSIST HIM!

THE ONE WHOSE VERY NAME HE STOLE!

THE GREATEST MAGICIAN OF ALL--

THE REAL MERLIN!

WELL... I NEVER DID LIKE IMPOSTERS!

Y'KNOW SOMETHING? JOE COOKE WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN-- BY ANYONE ALIVE. THAT IS! STRANGE WAY TO FINISH AN ACT, ISN'T IT?

END

the *SEARCH* for *PAN!*

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MANY MEN HAD SEARCHED
FOR PAN--IN VAIN! BUT
PERHAPS IT WAS BETTER
TO HAVE SEARCHED AND
FAILED! FAR, FAR BETTER
THAN TO HAVE **FOUND** HIM!

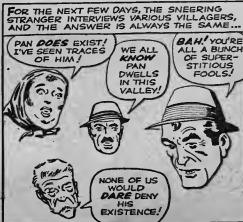


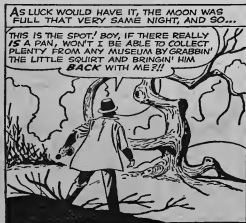
OUR ASTONISHING TALE BEGINS IN A SMALL TOWN, NESTLED BETWEEN THE STALEY ALPS IN EUROPE...



SO THIS IS THE ONE-HORSE TOWN WHERE PAN IS SUPPOSED TO HANG OUT? WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE A PLACE FIT FOR GOATS! GIMME A ROOM!

PLEASE! DO NOT SPEAK OF PAN THAT WAY! IT-- IT IS NOT SAFE!









THE

FLY

TO THE SHOCK AND WONDER OF THE WINGED BATTLERS, *FLY* AND *FLY-GIRL*, CAPITAL CITY IS PLAGUED BY A SERIES OF DISASTERS THAT COME FROM HEAVEN-KNOWS-WHERE! WHO IS THE FIEND THAT IS VISITING WHOLESALE TERROR ON THE BAFFLED CITY? CAN *THE FLY* DISCOVER AND COMBAT THE DIABOLICAL VILLAIN WHO IS...

The MASTER of DISASTER!

IT'S ANOTHER DISASTER, *FLY-GIRL*! THOSE *DIAMOND MEN* FROM SATURN ARE USING THEIR DEADLY *SPARKLE-RAYS* TO VAPORIZE THE BRIDGE!

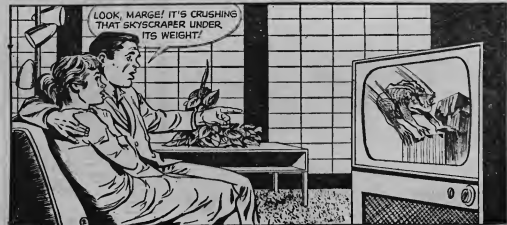
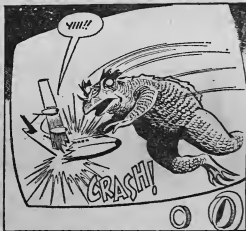
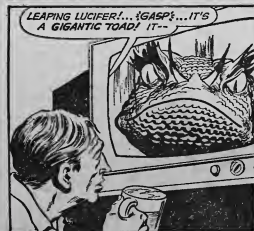
YES, BUT *WHO* IS *CREATING* THESE DISASTERS? HOW CAN WE REPEL THOSE *DIAMOND-BODIED CREATURES*?



IT IS 8:30 P.M., MONDAY NIGHT, AND ALMOST EVERYONE IN CAPITAL CITY IS WATCHING THE **TERROR FROM SPACE** TV PROGRAM...



ALL OVER THE CITY, AWED EYES ARE GLUED TO THE TV SET...



IN THE TV BROADCASTING STUDIO...

WOULDN'T IT BE AWFUL IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED IN REAL LIFE?

HOW COULD IT? THIS IS A SCIENCE FICTION MOVIE!

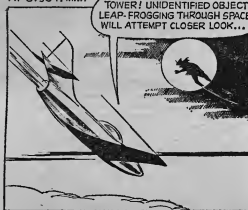


THE FILMING WAS DONE WITH TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY AND ELECTRONICS GIMMICKS! SPACE-TOADS EXIST ONLY IN SOME SCRIPT WRITER'S MIND!



BUT THE NEXT DAY AT 8:30 P.M....

LIEUTENANT BOYCE TO TOWER! UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT LEAP-FROGGING THROUGH SPACE! WILL ATTEMPT CLOSER LOOK...



NEXT INSTANT, AT AN ARMY AIR FORCE BASE...

JIM! THAT MESSAGE FROM BOYCE... I HEARD THOSE EXACT WORDS ON LAST NIGHT'S TERROR FROM SPACE SHOW!

SO DID I!



MAYBE I'M CRAZY, JIM, BUT I'M TELLING BOYCE TO IGNORE THAT THING AND PROCEED TO BASE! THEN I'LL CONTACT THE FLY! HE MUST BE ON PATROL OVER CAPITAL CITY!

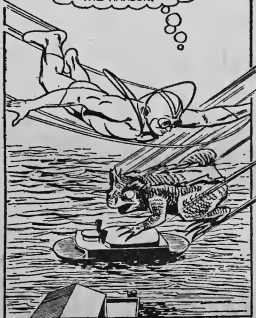


SHORTLY...

THE MESSAGE I RECEIVED SOUNDS INCREDIBLE!...TO LOOK FOR A SPACE-TOAD THAT APPEARED ON A TV SHOW LAST NIGHT!



HOW CAN-- 'GASP'...OH, NO!
THERE IT IS! DIVING TOWARD
THE HARBOR!



IT DESTROYED A FERRY BOAT, JUST AS
IT DID ON TV FILM! THANK GOODNESS THE
FERRY IS NO LONGER IN USE AND HEADED
FOR THE SCRAP HEAP NEXT WEEK!



THEN, AS THE CREATURE LEAPS ON TO A SHORE
PARKWAY...

LOOK! IT'S THE
SPACE-TOAD WE
SAW ON TV LAST
NIGHT!

IT'S FANTASTIC! EVERY
SCENE IN THAT FILM IS
BEING ACTED OUT IN
REAL LIFE. HOWEVER, ONE
THING *WASN'T* IN THE
SCRIPT...



...ME! IN THE FILM, CARS CRASHED
INTO THE MONSTER! WELL, I'LL PREVENT
THAT! I'LL WRECK THE "STORY-LINE" BY
CARRYING OFF THIS SUPER-TOAD!



5 SHORTLY...

NOW I'LL RELEASE HIM! HE'S ENRAGED ENOUGH TO PURSUE ME WHEREVER I FLY!



SOON, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY...

THAT'S IT! KEEP RIGHT ON MY TAIL, BUSTER!



FOLLOW ME AS I DIVE RIGHT INTO THE HEART OF THIS VOLCANO!



MOMENTS AFTER...

THAT'S THE END OF THE *SPACE-TOAD*! BUT THE *BEGINNING* OF A MYSTERY! WHERE DID THAT CREATURE COME FROM? WHY DID IT FOLLOW THE SCRIPT OF A TV PROGRAM?



NEXT MORNING, AS **THE FLY** VISITS THE TV PRODUCER...

MAYBE IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT OCCURS ONCE IN A BILLION TIMES, **FLY**... A MONSTER JUST LIKE THE ONE IN OUR TV FILM SHOWING UP IN REALITY!



AS **KIM BRAND**, SCREEN STARLET RISES...

I BELIEVE YOU, **KIM**!

HONESTLY, NONE OF US KNOWS HOW THAT PICTURE WAS DUPLICATED IN REALITY, **FLY**!

... I TRUST **KIM**'S JUDGMENT! AFTER ALL, SECRETLY SHE IS **FLY-GIRL**!



NOW... IN OUR NEXT PICTURE, THESE **DIAMOND MEN** FROM SATURN INVADE CAPITAL CITY! THEIR SPARKLE-RAYS CAN DESTROY ANYTHING!



THROUGH TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY, THEY'LL LOOK LIFE-SIZE! BUT, AS YOU SEE, THEY'RE ONLY GLASS PUPPETS CONTROLLED BY ALMOST INVISIBLE STRINGS!



FIVE DAYS LATER, IN **KIM BRAND**'S APARTMENT...

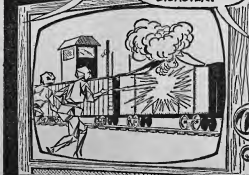
THERE ARE THE **DIAMOND MEN**... DESTROYING A BRIDGE OUTSIDE OF TOWN!

YES! AND IN THE NEXT EPISODE, **FLY**-- THEY VAPORIZE A FREIGHT TRAIN!



HOW REAL IT LOOKS!
GULP! I'M GLAD IT'S
ONLY A PICTURE!

TRUE! BUT SO WAS
THAT SPACE-TOAD...
AND WE HAD A NEAR-
DISASTER!



THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AT 8:30 P.M....

WE'RE KEEPING ALL
TRAFFIC OFF THE
BRIDGE AS YOU
REQUESTED, FLY!

GOOD! CALL IT A STUPID
HUNCH, BUT LET'S PLAY
IT SAFE WHERE LIVES
ARE CONCERNED!



SUDDENLY...

JUMPING JUNEBUGS! THERE ARE
THE DIAMOND MEN! AND JUST AS IN
THE TV MOVIE, THEY'RE VAPORIZING
THE BRIDGE!...ONLY A MINATURE
WAS USED IN THE FILM!



ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL SCRIPT, NO MEN
WERE ATTACKED! THE ALIENS HEADED FOR
THE FREIGHT YARD...AND SO WILL I!



SECONDS AFTER,
UNEXPECTEDLY...

FLY-GIRL!

YES, FLY! I CAME
TO HELP! I SAW WHAT
HAPPENED AND
SWITCHED FROM KIM
BRAND TO FLY-GIRL!
HOW DO WE REPEL
THESE CREATURES?



WITH **DIAMONDS**...THE HARDEST SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO MAN! ONLY **DIAMONDS** CAN PIERCE OTHER **DIAMONDS**! FOLLOW ME!



DIAMONDS ARE MADE OF **CARBON**, SUBJECTED TO TERRIFIC PRESSURE! WELL, THIS **COAL** PILE WILL SUPPLY THE **CARBON**, AND WE'LL SUPPLY THE **PRESSURE**!



MOMENT'S LATER, AS THE DUO PUSH POWERFULLY AGAINST THE COAL HEAP...

WE DID IT! YES! AND THESE SYNTHETIC STONES SHOULD BE AS HARD AS THE DIAMOND BODIES OF THOSE ALIENS!



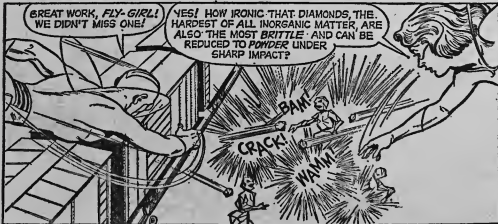
INSTANTS LATER...

BOMB THEM BEFORE THEY SPOT US! IF THEY FOCUS THEIR SPARKLE-RAYS ON US, WE'RE GONERS!



GREAT WORK, FLY-GIRL! WE DIDN'T MISS ONE!

YES! HOW IRONIC THAT DIAMONDS, THE HARDEST OF ALL INORGANIC MATTER, ARE ALSO THE MOST BRITTLE - AND CAN BE REDUCED TO POWDER UNDER SHARP IMPACT?



SOON, AS THE DIAMOND DUST SWIRLS AWAY...

NOW WE KNOW THAT THE DUPLICATION OF THE TV PROGRAMS IS NO COINCIDENCE! BUT I'M STILL STUMPED ABOUT WHY IT HAPPENS!



YET, WE **MUST** SOLVE THIS MYSTERY! IT'LL BE TERRIBLE IF THESE DISASTERS OCCUR AGAIN! SOONER OR LATER, WE'LL ENCOUNTER A MENACE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE!

FLY-LOOK! AN ORANGE SPOTLIGHT!

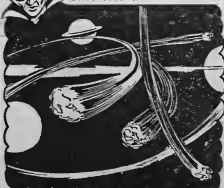


IT'S **TURAN**, EMISSARY OF THE **FLY** PEOPLE...THE WORLD THAT EXISTS A DIMENSIONAL PLANE OUTSIDE OUR GALAXY!

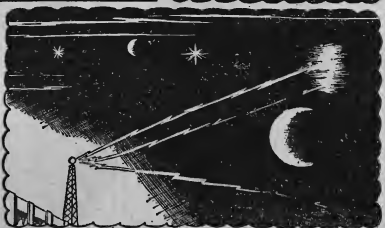
AYE, **FLY!** I GAVE YOU AND **FLY-GIRL** YOUR POWERS! NOW I'LL GIVE YOU VITAL INFORMATION!



"TWO WEEKS AGO, IN OUTER SPACE, THERE WAS A COSMIC STORM WHICH CREATED FREAK ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS...



"...THUS AS THE ELECTRONIC SIGNALS LEFT THE TV BROADCASTING STUDIO, THE TERROR FROM SPACE PROGRAM WAS TRANSMITTED INTO OUTER SPACE. THE SAME FREAK CONDITIONS HAD ALSO TORN A GAP IN A STRANGE DIMENSION AND THE PROGRAM WAS BEING RECEIVED WITHIN IT!...



"WITH MY ULTRA-TELESCOPE, I SAW THE PROGRAM APPEAR ON A SCREEN IN A STRANGE LABORATORY, WHERE A MONSTER LAUGHED AS HE WORKED A WEIRD MACHINE..."

FOOLISH EARTHLINGS! IN 24 HOURS, I WILL CONVERT THIS PROGRAM INTO REALITY!



"HIS TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT WAS STARTLINGLY ADVANCED! HE COULD MAKE THE FIGURES MATERIALIZE IN HIS LAB! HE ALSO HAD A CAMERA WHICH HE FOCUSED ON THE LIVE CREATURES!"

HOWEVER, WHAT MY CAMERA RECORDS WILL APPEAR ON EARTH AS REALITY! I'LL ENJOY MAKING THOSE STUPID HUMANS SUFFER!

HA/HA! TOMORROW NIGHT I WILL TRANSMIT MY VERSION OF THIS PICTURE!



YES, THIS SIXTH DIMENSIONAL FIEND DELIGHTS IN SENDING THE TERROR FROM SPACE PROGRAM BACK TO EARTH AS A DISASTER! INDEED, HE IS A MASTER OF DISASTER!



WAIT! CAN HE CHANGE ANY PART OF THE ADVENTURE PICTURE HE RE-FILMS?

NO! HE MUST STICK TO THE SCRIPT! HE CAN'T ALTER A LINE OR IDEA IN IT!



THEN I KNOW HOW FLY-GIRL AND I CAN DEFEAT HIM! NEXT WEEK WE WON'T BE AT THE FIEND'S MERCY!

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

FLY-GIRL AND I WILL ACT IN A NEW TERROR FROM SPACE FILM TO BE BROADCASTED NEXT MONDAY!

AH! I UNDERSTAND! THEN MY MISSION IS A SUCCESS! YOU WILL SURELY OUTWIT THIS FIEND! FAREWELL!

NEXT DAY, AT THE PRODUCER'S STUDIO...

...NOW WE'RE READY FOR THE SCENE WITH THE SIXTH DIMENSIONAL FIEND! BRING HIM ON!

OKAY, FLY! I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

DON'T BE AFRAID OF HIM! HE'S AN ELECTRONIC CONTRAPTION FLY-GIRL AND I BUILT LAST NIGHT ACCORDING TO AN EYE-WITNESS'S DESCRIPTION!

YOU HEARD THE FLY!! ROLL THOSE CAMERAS!

NEXT MONDAY NIGHT AT 8:30...

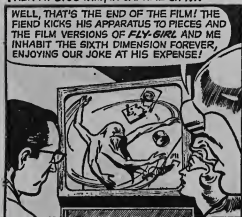
KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!

YES! RIGHT NOW OUR FILM IS BEING TRANSMITTED INTO THE SIXTH DIMENSION! WE'RE GOING RIGHT INTO THAT FIEND'S LABORATORY!

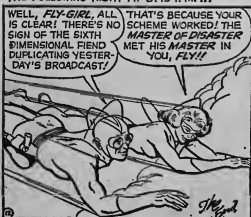
FAR AWAY FROM CAPITAL CITY, AT THAT EXACT MOMENT...



THEN AT 8:56 P.M., IN CAPITAL CITY...



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AT 8:45 P.M. ...



"I FOUND THE IMPOSSIBLE WORLD!"

YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS ONE OF THE BOLDEST SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR AGE ...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--
JOHN FLEMING IS ENTER-
ING HIS **TIME MACHINE**
NOW!

IN A FEW MOMENTS, THIS
BRILLIANT SCIENTIST
WILL TRANSPORT HIM-
SELF **ONE MILLION**
YEARS INTO THE
FUTURE!



HE'S THROWN
THE **STARTER**
SWITCH!

THE **ATOMIC ENGINES**
ARE **STARTING**
UP!



THE MACHINE IS
BEGINNING TO
VANISH!!



IT'S ALL GOING
PERFECTLY!



AND SO, THE GREAT EXPERIMENT ENDS IN FAILURE! BUT WAS IT **REALLY** A FAILURE?? LET US SEE FOR OURSELVES! LET US GO BACK A FEW MOMENTS TO THE VERY INSTANT JOHN FLEMING ACTIVATED HIS TIME MACHINE...

THE MACHINE
IS VANISHING!!

FLEMING
IS GOING
INTO THE
FUTURE!!

AS SOON AS THE MACHINE
AND ITS OCCUPANT HAD
DISAPPEARED, THEY WERE
TRANSFORMED INTO PURE
ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY
WHICH WAS PROPELLED
THROUGH THE SPACE-TIME
BARRIER AT TWICE THE
SPEED OF LIGHT...

AND WHEN THEY MATERIALIZED AGAIN,
THEY WERE **ONE MILLION YEARS**
IN THE FUTURE!

BEHOLD--WE HAVE
A VISITOR FROM
THE PAST!

WELCOME,
FRIEND!
FROM WHAT
CENTURY DO
YOU COME?

THE TWENTIETH!
I-I CAN HARDLY
BELIEVE IT!--EVERY-
THING LOOKS SO
DIFFERENT--SO
ADVANCED!

NATURALLY...
WE ARE
A MILLION
YEARS
AHEAD OF
YOUR TIME!

YOUR CITY
SEEMS SO
PEACEFUL...
EVERYONE
APPEARS
SO
SERENE!

WE LEARNED
TO LIVE IN
HARMONY
THOUSANDS
OF YEARS
AGO!

WE HAVE
NOT HAD
A WAR
ON EARTH
FOR AGES!

THE PEOPLE--
SOME OF THEM
LOOK SO VERY
OLD!

THEY ARE! SINCE MEDICAL
SCIENCE CON-
QUERED ALL DISEASES,
THE AVERAGE PERSON'S
LIFE EXPECTANCY IS
TWO HUNDRED YEARS!

NO WAR!
NO DISEASE!
IT'S FAN-
TASTIC!

WAIT--SOMETHING'S
MISSING! I SEE NO MEANS
OF TRANSPORTATION! DON'T
YOU HAVE ANY VEHICLES--
ANY AIRCRAFT??

NO, OF
COURSE
NOT!

VEHICLES,
INDEED!
HA! HA!

I SHALL SHOW YOU
HOW WE TRAVEL! BE-
HOLD THAT BRIDGE! WE
SHALL GO THERE!



AND BEFORE JOHN FLEMING COULD UTTER
A WORD...



SEE!

BUT
HOW
DID
WE
GET
HERE?

BY TELE-
PORTATION!

WE TRAVEL BY THE
POWER OF OUR
MINDS! IT IS A
SKILL THAT WAS DE-
VELOPED CENTURIES
AGO BY OUR MYSTICS!

IT'S IN-
CREDIBLE!



THERE ARE SOME SIGHT-SEERS
FROM OUT OF TOWN! THEY'RE
TELEPORTING THEMSELVES SLOWLY,
SO THEY CAN VIEW ALL THE
POINTS OF INTEREST!



WHAT ELSE
WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
KNOW?

ABOUT YOUR
CLIMATE! THE
WEATHER
SEEMS SO
MILD! IS IT
SPRING NOW?

NO! IT'S WINTER!
OUR STREETS
ARE VENTILATED!
IN SUMMER
THEY EMIT COOL
AIR; IN THE
WINTER WARM
AIR!



YOU SEEM
INTERESTED
IN THAT
PLACE!

IT'S A RESTA-
URANT THAT
SERVES
RAY-FOOD!

EACH RAY CON-
TAINS ALL THE
INGREDIENTS
OF A CERTAIN
FOOD!

UMMM--
THE CHICKEN
IS DELICIOUS
TODAY!

BEST
STEAK
I'VE
HAD ALL
MONTH!



ESCORTED BY THE WORLD GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, FLEMING VIEWED WONDER AFTER WONDER OF THE FABULOUS FUTURE...

THIS IS OUR THREE-DIMENSIONAL T.V.!

THE MENTHO RAY TRANSFERS THOUGHTS DIRECTLY TO THE PAPER!

THE MACHINES RECORD THE PATIENT'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION!

THEY TELL WHAT HIS DIET, EXERCISE, AND SLEEP REQUIREMENTS ARE!

BUT SUDDENLY, THE GUIDED TOUR WAS INTERRUPTED...

I--I HEAR A LOUD SIREN, BUT THERE'S NO SOUND!

IT'S OUR TELEPATHIC AIR RAID WARNING ALARM! IT MEANS THAT INVADERS ARE APPROACHING EARTH!

BARTHO, HAVE THE NEW DEFENSES BEEN SET UP IN THE ATMOSPHERE?

YES, FEAR NOT! THE THREE BANDS OF ELECTRO-MAGNETIC LIGHT ARE IN POSITION! THE ATTACKERS CANNOT REACH US WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH ALL OF THEM!

THEY ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE BLUE LIGHT!

THEY ARE IN THE BLUE CIRCLE! NOW WE ARE OUT OF FOCUS TO THEM! INSTEAD OF ONE EARTH, THEY SEE A DOZEN, AND THEY CANNOT TELL WHICH IS THE REAL ONE!

RATHER THAN RISK CRASHING, MANY OF THE SHIPS ARE TURNING BACK!

BUT THE REST ARE COMING ON!

THEY WILL SOON BE IN THE RED BAND!

AND, AS THE ARMADA PASSES THROUGH THE MIDDLE CIRCLE OF LIGHT...

HAH! TRAPPED IN THE ANTI-MATTER FREEZE BAND!

LOOK! THEY'RE TURNING INTO ICE!

THEY'LL REMAIN THAT WAY UNTIL THEY REVERSE AND LEAVE!



BUT MANY OF THE SHIPS ARE TRAVELING TOO FAST TO BE TRAPPED IN THE RED BAND AND PASS INTO THE YELLOW...

FIRE THE MAGNETIC RAY!



ALL THE RAY HAS TO DO IS HIT ANY ONE OF THE SPACESHIPS AND...

AH, WE GOT ONE!

ACTING WITH THE YELLOW BAND, THE RAY MAGNETIZES THE SPACESHIP, CAUSING IT TO EXERT A PULL ON ALL THE OTHER SHIPS...



IT'S DRAWN THEM ALL TOGETHER!

THEY'RE TRAPPED IN THE YELLOW BAND LIKE A HELPLESS MASS OF SCRAP IRON!



BY THE PUSH OF A BUTTON, WE CAN HURL THEM BACK INTO SPACE!

WOW! WHAT A FANTASTIC SHOW! I ONLY WISH I HAD BROUGHT A CAMERA ALONG!

COME, WE WILL SHOW YOU MORE WONDERS OF OUR AGE!



SAY, THAT GOLD-- AND THOSE GEMS-- WHAT IS ALL THAT?

IT'S OUR TREASURY! WE USE IT TO BUY GOODS FROM OTHER GALAXIES!



THEN, THE MAN WHO HAD COME FROM AN AGE WHERE THERE WAS STILL GREED, SELFISHNESS AND DISHONESTY, BEGAN TO THINK...

ALL THAT WEALTH! IF I COULD CREATE DISCORD AMONG THESE PEOPLE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET MY HANDS ON IT!

AND SO... I OVER-HEARD YOUR COLLEAGUE, RICCA, TALKING WITH ANOTHER MAN! THEY'RE PLOTTING TO DISCREDIT YOU-- TO HAVE YOU REMOVED FROM OFFICE!

I-- I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! RICCA WOULDN'T DO THAT! OR--OR WOULD HE??

AND LATER, TO RICCA...

THE ONE CALLED BARTHO IS JEALOUS OF YOU! HE'S GOING TO ACCUSE YOU OF PLOTTING AGAINST HIM! BE ON YOUR GUARD!

AND THE MISCHIEF SOWN, SOON BRINGS FORTH RESULTS...

YOU WANT TO RUIN MY CAREER! WHY? WHAT HARM HAVE I EVER DONE TO YOU?

AN HAF! I WAS WARNED YOU'D MAKE FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ME! BUT YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

STOP THIS QUARRELING!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE MIND-PROBE??

MIND-PROBE? WHAT'S THAT??

YOU WILL SOON FIND OUT!

THE MIND-PROBE! AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHICH COMPELS ITS WEARER TO REVEAL THE TRUTH!

I DID NOT PLOT AGAINST BARTHO!

I DO NOT WANT TO DISCREDIT RICCA...

I LIED TO THEM. I TRIED TO CAUSE TROUBLE!

SO! THE STRANGER THOUGHT THAT BY CAUSING TROUBLE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PUT HIMSELF IN A POSITION TO OBTAIN OUR WEALTH!

HE MUST BE PUNISHED FOR HIS CRIME!

AND SO, JOHN FLEMING WAS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON...

YOU WILL BE CONFINED BEHIND THESE IMPENETRABLE LIGHT BEAMS!

BUT ALL YOUR NEEDS AND WANTS WILL BE MET! YOU WILL BE QUITE COMFORTABLE!



SLOWLY THE WEEKS PASSED INTO MONTHS...AND THEN INTO YEARS...

I MISS MY OWN WORLD...MY FRIENDS...MY FREEDOM! BUT I HAVE NO ONE TO BLAME BUT MYSELF!



FINALLY, AFTER TEN YEARS...

WE HAVE DECIDED TO PARDON YOU AND SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR CENTURY!

YES, YOU HAVE PAID ENOUGH FOR YOUR CRIME!

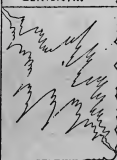


BUT FIRST, WE SHALL REMOVE FROM YOUR MIND ALL MEMORY OF YOUR EXPERIENCES HERE!

FOR WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO TELL YOUR FELLOW MEN OF OUR WORLD! WE DO NOT WANT ANY MORE BARBARIANS LIKE YOURSELF VISITING US!



AND SO, WITHOUT ANY REMEMBRANCES OF THE FUTURE, JOHN FLEMING WAS RETURNED TO HIS OWN CENTURY...



AND WHEN HE STEPPED BACK OUT INTO THE YEAR 1962...



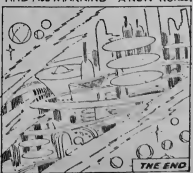
MY MACHINE DIDN'T SEND ME ANYWHERE!

BUT FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON YOU AGED WHEN YOU DEMATERIALIZED!

WHAT A SHAME! IF YOU HAD CONTACTED THE FUTURE, YOU MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT US BACK SO MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION!



THUS, JOHN FLEMING'S EXPERIMENT IS THOUGHT A FAILURE! AND FLEMING WILL NEVER KNOW THAT IT WAS HIS GREED AND FOOLISHNESS WHICH LOST HIM--AND ALL MANKIND--A NEW WORLD!



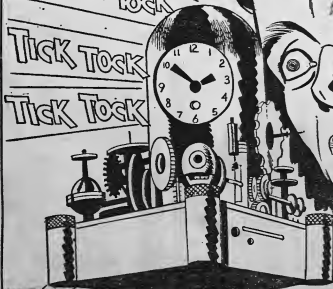
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The **HANDS** of **TIME!**

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OUR STORY STARTS WITH A FLIGHT FROM THE LAW...



I'M NOT AS YOUNG
AS I USED TO BE!
(PUFF PUFF) THE
COPS ARE CATCHING
UP TO ME!

(PUFF PUFF)
I'LL DUCK IN
HERE!





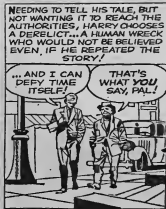
MOMENTS LATER...



BUT I SHALL NOT USE YOU UNTIL THE MORNING, FOR NOW I AM WEARY AND I WANT TO GO TO BED!









BUT, IN THE LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE, FATE TAKES A HAND...



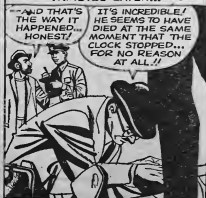
AND, HARRY WEEM'S FATE WAS LINKED TO THE STRANGE CLOCK... LINKED MUCH CLOSER THAN HE DREAMT!



HOLY SMOKE!! I BETTER CALL THE COPS!



MINUTES LATER...



The END

The JAGUAR

AS RULER OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM, THE JAGUAR HAS FACED COUNTLESS PERILS AND USED HIS ULTRA-ANIMAL CUNNING TO COME OUT ALIVE! BUT WHAT CAN HE DO TO COMBAT THE GREATEST CHALLENGE HE HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED! YOU'LL LEARN THE ANSWERS IN THE STARTLING STORY

The DEATH-RAY from SPACE!



ONE NIGHT, IN A U.S. SPACE LABORATORY...

JAGUAR, YOU MUST HELP US! WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH OUR "MILKCAN" SATELLITE WHICH WE SHOT INTO ORBIT LAST WEEK!



"WE LAST HEARD FROM THE 'MILKCAN' AS IT GUNNED AROUND THE GLOBE ONCE EVERY 91 MINUTES, 400 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH..."





AS THE JAGUAR STREAKS INTO SPACE...

FUNNY... ALL THE OTHER SATELLITES PLACED IN ORBIT BY ROCKETS DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS ARE STILL ON COURSE! ONLY THE "MILKCAN" IS MISSING!

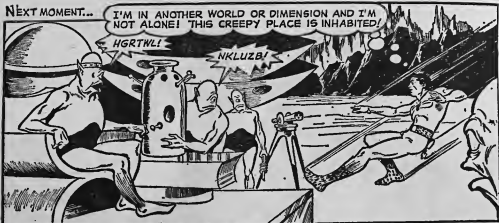


NEXT MOMENT...

I'M IN ANOTHER WORLD OR DIMENSION AND I'M NOT ALONE! THIS CREEPY PLACE IS INHABITED!

HGRTWL!

NKLUZB!



SEIZE THE STRANGER! IF HE RESISTS, KILL HIM!

AYE, SIR!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE CREATURES' LANGUAGE, BUT I AM INTERCEPTING THEIR THOUGHTS AS I ALWAYS CAN WITH WILD ANIMALS!

MAYBE THEY'RE PART-ANIMAL! IF SO, THEY MIGHT RECEIVE MY TELEPATHIC COMMANDS, RECOGNIZE ME AS MASTER OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM AND STOP THEIR ATTACK!



NO DICE! THEY WON'T OBEY ME! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH BEAST IN THEM TO ACCEPT ME AS THEIR RULER! I'LL HAVE TO BATTLE THEM!



THEY'RE CLINGING TO ME LIKE LEECHES! WELL, I KNOW HOW TO GET RID OF THEM!



I'LL WHIRL AROUND... AND
AWAY THEY GO!



HGRTYW!

PUTYGH!

KLGUTB GWXY!

I'M BEING ZEROED IN BY
THAT WEIRD CANNON! I-IT'S
FIRING ELECTRICAL COILS THAT
PARALYZE MY MOVEMENTS!



NOW THE LONG COILS
ARE DRAGGING ME
DOWNWARD! I CAN'T
BREAK LOOSE!



THEN, AS THE JAGUAR SPOTS A FAMILIAR
OBJECT...

THE "MILKCAN" SATELLITE! LIKE
ME, IT PROBABLY CAME THROUGH
THAT CRACK IN THE DIMENSION!



WE WILL RUN TESTS
ON THIS ODD, FLYING
CREATURE TO SEE
WHAT HE'S COM-
POSED OF!

UH-OH! I DON'T LIKE
HIS THOUGHTS! THEY
INTEND TO TAKE ME
APART LIKE THEY DID
THE "MILKCAN"!



BUT FIRST, WE MUST RESTORE OUR INJURED COMRADES BACK TO HEALTH WITH OUR CURE-RAY!

CURE-RAY?



THE RAY CAN INSTANTLY HEAL FRACTURED BONES, MAKE BRUISES DISAPPEAR AND CURE ALL DISEASES! MY BADLY-HURT SUBJECTS ARE NOW MOVING ABOUT AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED!



EVEN IF YOU COULD ESCAPE, YOU MUSTN'T TAKE THE CURE-RAY! IT WOULD BRING DESTRUCTION TO ANY WORLD BUT OURS! I WARN YOU!

HMM...



JUST AS YOU CAN READ OUR THOUGHTS, SO CAN WE "OVERHEAR" YOURS! LET ME EXPLAIN... OUR CURE-RAY CAN SNATCH ANYONE FROM THE DOORS OF DEATH!

ZZZZT!



AMAZING! IF I COULD BRING THIS CURE-RAY BACK TO EARTH, MANKIND WOULD BE FREED FROM ALL DISEASES!

NO, STRANGE ONE! PERISH THAT THOUGHT!



LATER, AS THE JAGUAR AWAITS HIS FATE...

SHH! MAKE NO OUTCRY, STRANGE ONE! I AM FREEING YOU!

B-BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND!... WHY SHOULD YOU HELP ME?



**I HATE THE TYRANT KING!
HE LIED TO YOU! THE CURE-
RAY WILL BENEFIT LIVING
CREATURES EVERYWHERE!
TAKE IT--WE HAVE OTHERS!**

**WELL....
THANKS!**



**I'LL TAKE THIS "MILKCAN"
TOO! I'M DEEPLY INDEBTED
TO YOU, FRIEND! I HOPE
YOU OVERTHROW YOUR
TYRANT RULER!**

**AYE! I WILL
ALWAYS
OPPOSE HIS
CRUEL POWER!**



MOMENTS LATER...

**HORRORS! THE STRANGE
ONE IS ESCAPING! AND
LOOK-- HE HAS STOLEN
THE CURE-RAY!**

**WITH MY ULTRA-
ACUTE ANIMAL
SENSE OF SMELL,
I'LL FIND THE
EXIT FROM THIS
DIMENSION! THEN,
BACK TO EARTH!**



**NEXT DAY, ON EARTH, A GROUP OF DISTIN-
GUISHED SCIENTISTS WATCH...**

**NOW I WILL
DEMONSTRATE THE CURE-RAY FOCUSING IT
ON THOSE DYING ANIMALS! NO EARTHLY
MEDICINE CAN CURE THEIR DEADLY DISEASES!**



**THEY HAVE ONLY ONE
CHANCE TO LIVE... IF THIS
CURE-RAY RESTORES
THEM TO HEALTH!**

**WHAT GHASTLY
BLACK BEAMS!
THEY DON'T LOOK
LIKE THE RAYS YOU
TOLD US ABOUT,
JAGUAR!**



JAGUAR! THAT RAY
ISN'T CURING THEM!
I-IT'S HURTING THE
ANIMALS!

B-BUT...THIS ISN'T THE
RAY I OBSERVED IN
THE OTHER DIMENSION!



I'LL TURN IT OFF AT ONCE! IT'S A DEATH-
RAY! THE KING WAS RIGHT! IN OUR WORLD,
IT DOES SPREAD DEATH AND DESTRUCTION!
NOW IT'S SHRIVELING UP
PLANTS AND TREES!



AS THE DEATH-RAY STRIKES THE LABORATORY...

THAT CREATURE TRICKED ME! HE "HELPED"
ME... SURE... TO DESTROY THE WORLD!
HOW ON EARTH CAN I GET RID OF IT?



IT'S RUNNING
AMOK, DESTROYING
EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES!
EVEN INANIMATE
THINGS LIKE BUILD-
INGS! IT'S A GOOD
THING THAT BUILD-
ING'S EMPTY!

CRASH!

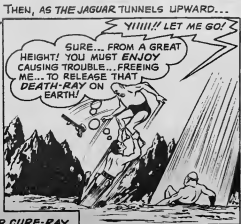
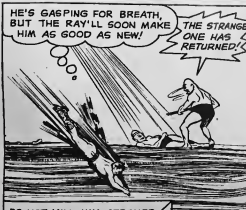


IT'S TRAVELING AT BULLET SPEED! WAIT!...
IF IT PERSISTS IN FOLLOWING ME, PERHAPS
I CAN DRAW IT AWAY FROM EARTH!



AH! IT'S FOLLOWING ME INTO ORBIT! NOW
IF ONLY I CAN REMEMBER THE EXACT
COURSE TAKEN BY THE "MILKCAN"
SATELLITE!





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